

F-8-46  
Pleasant Grove  
Libertytown  
Private

1840

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Pleasant Grove

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

East Side Fountain School Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Libertytown ☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

E.D. 17

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Frederick

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Mr. and Mrs. James Peterson

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Route #2, Box #239

CITY, TOWN

Union Bridge

☐ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21791

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Frederick County Courthouse

Liber #: 993

Folio #: 940

STREET &amp; NUMBER

North Court St.

CITY, TOWN

Frederick

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION****CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT  
☒ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

☐ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

Pleasant Grove is a banked three story gable roofed brick residence laid in common bond which faces north from the east side of Fountain School Road. The principal facade is four bays wide with two main entrances located in the second and third bay on the second level. Each entrance is occupied by an original six panel door with three light transom. Occupying the remaining bays on the second and third levels are double hung 6/6 windows with architrave molding flanked by louvered shutters. A replaced frame porch with wood hand railing extends across the front of the building. An entrance to the first level is located in the first bay from the northwest corner of the building. A double hung 6/6 window with louvered shutters is located in the fourth bay on the first level.

The main residence extends three bays deep. An even fenestration pattern is located on either gable end of the building. On the east gable, three 6/6 double hung windows flanked by louvered shutters are located in each bay on the second level and identical windows are located in the first and third bay on the third level.

On the west gable end of the building double hung 6/6 windows flanked by louvered shutters occupy the first and third bay on each level. Small seven pane Palladian windows are located at the top of each gable and are straddled by the chimney flues on the interior which meet in a relieving arch over the window.

The south side of the building which is now used as the main entrance is three bays wide. The second level with double hung 6/6 windows flanked by louvered shutters occupy each bay. The first level has been significantly altered. Originally an entrance was located in the first bay as well as the second bay. This entrance has been bricked closed. A six panel door with molded rail and raised panel, three light transom, recessed three panel molding or entranceway and original single stone door sill is located in the second bay. The third bay, which was originally occupied by a double hung 6/6 window, has been changed by the addition of a multi-paned modern bay window.

The house is constructed on a high random stone foundation covered with cement. The building is covered by a replaced asphalt roof with three stepped brick cornice.

The interior of the building has been substantially altered with new flooring, walls, woodwork and floor plan. A cistern and vegetable storage area remains intact on the first level of the building on the west side.

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CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

## SPECIFIC DATES

## BUILDER/ARCHITECT

Thomas Sappington

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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John Foutz conveyed the property to his son, Samuel Foutz, just four years later who farmed the land until 1866 when he sold the house and ninety-three acres of the land to his daughter and her husband, Henry and Mary A. (Foutz) Hyder.<sup>3</sup>

In 1896 Henry Hyder died and his widow sold the "homeplace" to her daughter and son-in-law, H. Lee and Elsie Stoner.<sup>4</sup>

After this sale the farm was sold almost once a decade until it was purchased by the current owner in 1976.

The property is significant for the unusual style of bank barn (three level) on the farm as well as the banked residence and four remaining bank buildings.

<sup>1</sup>Frederick County Land Records, Liber WR 25; Folio 290.

<sup>2</sup>Ibid., Liber HS 11; Folio 244.

<sup>3</sup>Ibid., Liber CM 8; Folio 467.

<sup>4</sup>Ibid., Liber 269; Folio 79.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

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Cherilyn Widell, Coordinator

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Frederick County Office of Historic Preservation

6/3/80

STREET &amp; NUMBER

TELEPHONE

12 E. Church St., Winchester Hall

694-1063

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Frederick

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

## 7. DESCRIPTION (continued)

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The first level of the barn is used for animal storage. The second level is used for hay and grain storage which was easily dropped for use to the level below. The third level, which may be entered by an entrance ramp from the south side was and is used for equipment storage. The supporting beams are also of an unusual design, prong shaped to support the roof and at right angles with twin upper supports vertically.

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FS-46 PLEASANT GROVE

E/s FOUNTAIN SCHOOL  
RD

FREDERICK COUNTY

10/79 CREW

INTERIOR BARN



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PLEASANT GROVE  
E/S FOUNTAIN SCHOOL  
RD

FREDERICK COUNTY

10/79 GEN

LOTTERIOR BARR



1-5-46 PLEASANT GROVE  
E/S FOUNTAIN SCHOOL  
RD

FREDERICK COUNTY

GEN 10/79

SOUTH ELEVATION



F.S. 46 PLEASANT GROVE  
E/S FOUNTAIN SCHOOL RD

FREDERICK COUNTY

Crew 10/79

INTERIOR - PALLADIAN  
WINDOW IN ATTIC